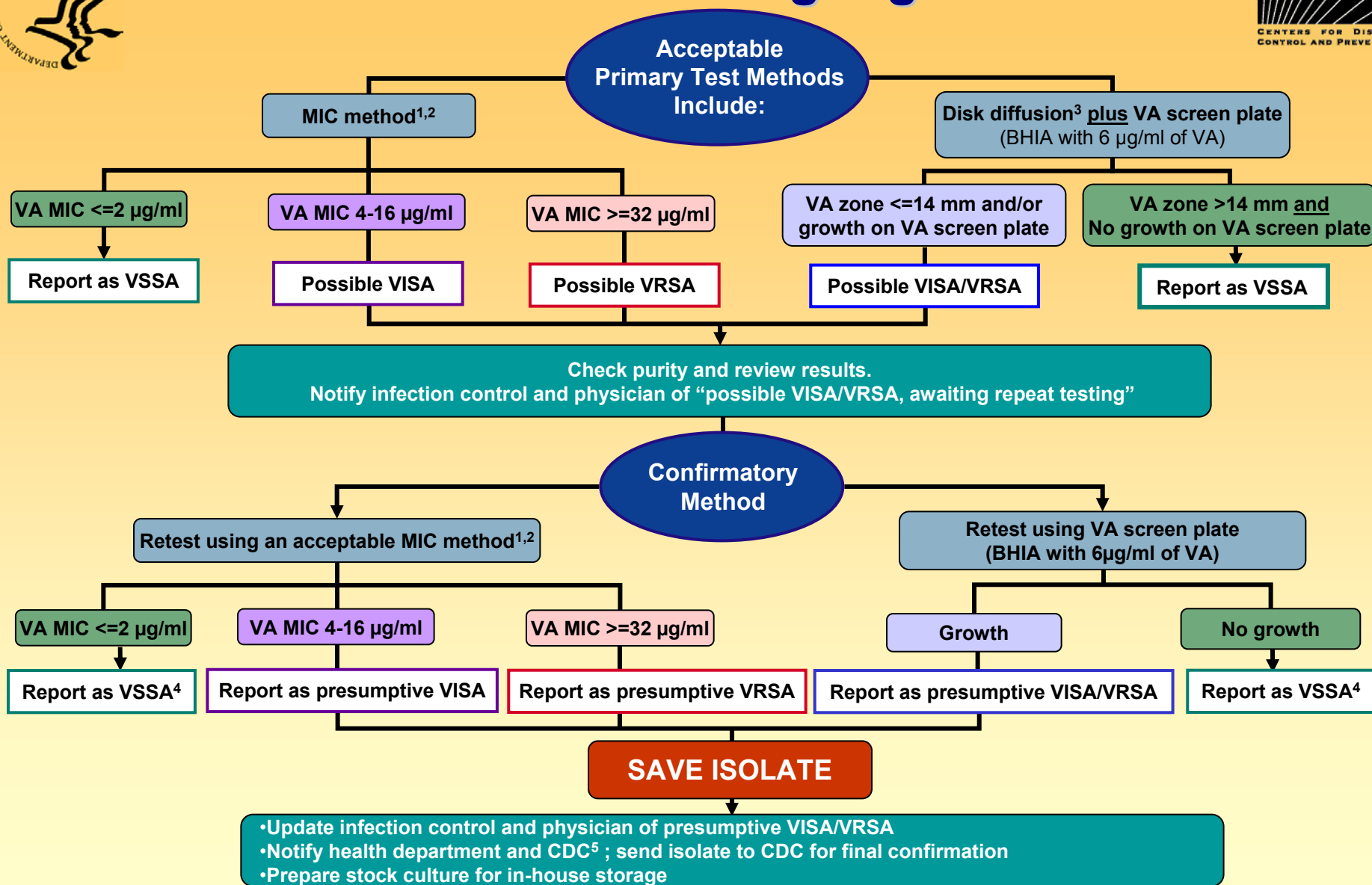


# VISA / VRSA Testing Algorithm



<sup>1</sup>Acceptable MIC methods for VISA/VRSA include: MicroScan "overnight" tests, Vitek, Vitek 2, Etest, Pasco, Sensititre, reference broth or agar dilution. Some automated methods reported the VRSA isolate from PA as susceptible (CDC unpublished data). Therefore, laboratories using automated susceptibility test methods should consider adding a vancomycin screen plate.

<sup>2</sup>Etest (use a 0.5 McFarland inoculum)

<sup>4</sup>If a laboratory is concerned about a result based on a patient's history, MIC testing can be performed at CDC.

<sup>3</sup>Disk diffusion alone is not sufficient to detect VISA

<sup>5</sup>Report to CDC by email: SEARCH@cdc.gov